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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Upon entry of the amendment filed on 03/23/09, Claim 11 is amended; Claims 1-10 are withdrawn and Claims 12-21 are cancelled. The currently pending claims are Claims 1-11 and 22.

Applicants' remarks and amendments have been carefully considered; however, they are not found persuasive and the 103(a) rejections of Anderson et al. in view of Lucas are maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 11 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson et al. (US 4541945) in view of Lucas et al. (US 3135632).

Anderson et al. disclose a process of cleaning and inhibiting the deposit of scale on metallic surfaces that includes about 5 to about 200 g/L of a mixtures of acids such as HF, HCl, citric acid and EDTA, about 0.006 to about 5.8 g/L of thiourea and about 0.008 to about 7.5 g of a nonionic surfactant (abstract; col 1, lines 10-40; col 2, lines 17-61; col 3, lines 21-38; col 3 line 67 to col 4, line 13 and see examples starting on col 5). Furthermore, Anderson et al. disclose the process being applied at a temperature range of 10 to 100 °C for up to 24hrs (col 4, lines 17-34).

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However, Anderson et al. do not explicitly disclose the feature of using acridine orange as an ingredient. In an analogous art, Lucas et al. disclose that it is well known to use various acids such as HCl and acridine orange in the treatment of metallic surfaces (col 1, lines 23-34; col 2, lines 25-43; example/table III and example/table IV on col 4 and 5). The claim would have been obvious because a particular known technique was recognized as part of the ordinary capabilities of a skilled artisan. In particular, all the claimed elements and ingredients were known in the prior art and a skilled artisan could have combined the elements as claimed by the known methods with no change in their respective functions, and the combination would have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention such as to achieve the beneficial properties of corrosion inhibition to the process.

Anderson et al. in view of Lucas et al., however, fails to specifically disclose a composition comprising the ingredients and conditions in the amounts as those recited by the Applicant.

Given that the Anderson et al. and Lucas references disclose the range of each element that overlaps with the presently claimed range, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize any of the taught proportions sizes, including those presently claimed, to obtain a suitable composition.

It also noted that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to select the portion of the prior art's range which is within the range of applicant's claims because it has been held to be obvious to select a value in a known range by optimization for the best results. As to optimization results, a patent will not be granted based upon the optimization of result effective variables when the optimization is obtained through routine experimentation unless there is a showing of unexpected results which properly rebuts the *prima facie* case of obviousness. See *In re Aller*, 220 F.2d 454, 456, 105 USPQ 233, 235

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(CCPA 1955). In addition, a *prima facie* case of obviousness exists because the claimed ranges “overlap or lie inside ranges disclosed by the prior art”, see *In re Wertheim*, 541 F.2d 257, 191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976; *In re Woodruff*, 919 F.2d 1575, 16USPQ2d 1934 (Fed. Cir. 1990). See MPEP 2131.03 and MPEP 2144.051.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 03/23/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding applicants' argument that the addition of acridine orange would not have been obvious since Lucas teach the use to prevent the acidic action, the examiner respectfully disagrees and notes that the Lucas reference teaches that the acridine orange is used in the pickling field to resist “rerusting upon exposure to atmospheric or other elemental effects” (col 2, lines 30-31). Thus the use of acridine orange is not prohibitive in a composition that includes an acid.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRI V. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-6965. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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